



**COUNTY OF LOUDOUN
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM**

To: Stephen Gardner, Project Manager, Planning Department **(MSC #62)**
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(MSC #78)
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Su Webb, Park Board, Chairman, Catoctin District
Michael Capretti, Park Board, Broad Run District
Date: August 20, 2008

Subject: Nextel-Jakboub VA 3891A **(SPEX 2007-0009 & CMPT 2007-0011)**
Election District: Broad Run **Sub Planning Area:** Ashburn
MCPI #: 060-30-2345

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic is applying for a Special Exception and Commission Permit to construct a 130-foot monopole and associated 240 sq. ft. equipment shelter in the PD-IP Zoning District. The Property is located within the Broad Run Election District at 21260 Smith Switch Road. The Property is east of the Village of Ashburn.

The Applicant is seeking the approval of this application to permit a monopole with 12 antennas to provide adequate Nextel service in the area of Ashburn. The Applicant is seeking approval of this site near Loudoun County Parkway to reduce the load at their Broad Run facility. The Applicant is submitting this application under the guidelines for the "Strategic Land Use Plan for Telecommunications Facilities" adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan with CPAM 1996-0003. The Policy states that, "[t]he County's first preference is to have new antennas collocate on existing tall structures, monopoles, and towers in order to minimize the need for new monopoles and towers."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

PRCS supports any and every effort made by the Applicant to utilize the proposed site, given that other large electrical transmission lines and transformers are located nearby. Along with appropriate color, design and setting, this "blending" with other large

equipment is essential so that the tower will not stand alone and will not further adversely affect the viewsheds of eastern Loudoun County. PRCS defers all other environmental and planning comments to the Environmental Review Team (ERT) and Community Planning, and offers no objection to the approval of this application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me personally via phone at 571-258-3251, or via e-mail at brian.fuller@loudoun.gov. You may also contact Mark Novak via phone at 703-737-8992, or via e-mail at mark.novak@loudoun.gov. I look forward to attending any meetings or work sessions to offer PRCS support, or to be notified of any further information regarding this project.